

Abstract

The present invention relates to systems and methods for conducting a liquid exchange in a commodity goods marketplace and thereby creating an associated derivatives market. The commodity goods marketplace is implemented as a product trading center in which standardized products in a specific market segment are traded using standardized contracts. Various embodiments of the present invention may also comprise additional means of conducting product transactions and additional ancillary services supporting those transactions. An embodiment of the present invention provides computer network based systems and methods for conducting and facilitating transactions in the commodity polymer marketplace to further produce a derivatives market. The systems and methods of the present invention may be advantageously implemented as a business to business ("B2B") e-commerce site on the world wide web.

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